Crash of IAF Avro HS-748 at Yelahanka near Bangalore

735. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force Avro HS-748 crashed at Yelahanka Air Force Station on the 25th March, 1991 resulting in the deaths of all the 28 Air Force trainees and officers;

(b) whether any inquiry into the HS-748 Avro accident has been conducted by Government;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter;

(d) what is the number of Air Force air accidents during the last one year; and

(e) what action Government have taken to prevent recurrence of such tragic accidents and loss of talented officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the Court of Inquiry, the accident was caused due to loss of power in the right engine at a critical stage of flight, immediately after take off. The Court of Inquiry report has since been finalised and action taken on the recommendations.

(d) 22 in 1990-91.

(e) Efforts to minimise accidents are an ongoing process. Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry comprising specialists. Based on the recommendations of the Court of Inquiry, follow up action is taken to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. Whenever any adverse trend or weak area is ovserved, special joint studies are carried out with the help of specialists from the manufacturers and users to look into the problem and take suitable remedial measures. Action on the carious recommendations of a high level Committee which examined all aspects of Flight Safety, accepted by Govt. has been completed.

Privatisation of Maruti Udyog Limited

736. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for privatisation of the Maruti Udyog Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the present Directors of the Maruti Udyog Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from Maruti Udyog Limited by Government proposing issue of fresh equity shares for being offloaded to financial institutions, which is being examined.

(c) A statement is attached.

Statement

The names of the present directors of Maruti Udyog Limited are as under:—

1. Shri R.C. Bhargava, Chairman-cum-Managing Director.

2. Shri A. Shinohara, Joint Managing Director.

3. Shri A. R. Halasyam, Director (Finance).

4. Shri RSSLN Bhaskarudu, Director/Materials)

5. Snri Shiromani Sharma, Director (Part time official).

6. Dr. Deepak Nayyar, Director (Part-time official)

7. Shri O. Suzuki, Director (Part-time).

दूरदर्शन पर संस्कृत में समाचार

73. श्री अश्विनी कुमार :
श्री प्रमोद महाजन :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री ने यह आश्वासन दिया था कि दूरदर्शन पर संस्कृत में समाचार प्रसारित किये जायेंगे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) दिनांक 4-3-1991 के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 105 का उत्तर देते समय उससे उत्पन्न अनुपूरक के उत्तर में तत्कालीन प्रधान मंत्री ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह बताया कि दूरदर्शन की कार्यक्रम अपेक्षाओं/सीमित वहनाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए संस्कृत में समाचार बुलेटिनों के प्रसारण के प्रश्न की जांच की जाएगी।

(ख) फिलहाल, दूरदर्शन पर संस्कृत में समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Heavy firing by Pakistani troops on Indian posts in Keran sub-sector of Jammu and Kashmir

738. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani troops restored to heavy firing on Indian posts in the Keran sub-sector of Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir on June, 29 and July 1, 1991;

(b) if so, the number of jawans killed due to firing by Pakistani troops;

(c) whether the Indian forces also made firing on Pakistani troops in reply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There were no casualties on the Indian side.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Our troops effectively returned the fire.

Liabilities against M/s Hoechst according to the Judgement of Supreme Court

739. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Supreme Court Judgement, the liability is to be assessed on bulk drug as well as formulations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the liability in case of M/s. Hoechst has been assessed only on bulk drug;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to assess the liability against M/s. Hoechst according to Supreme Court Judgement and by when rectification would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) While the Judgement of the Supreme Court and the relevent provisions of the DPCO, 1979 envisaged the determination of liability in respect of formulations also, and the recovery thereof as per the undertaking given by the company, the special Team's